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October 14, 2009

Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: FCC Docket #: 07-52

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As the State Senator of District 25 and the Chairman of the State Sunset Committee, I have an appreciation for the many difficult issues you and your colleagues grapple with on a daily basis, particularly considering the lightning speed of change in technology and communications.

On behalf of my constituents and citizens throughout Alabama, I am happy you made your September 21, 2009 speech to The Brookings Institution, "Preserving a Free and Open Internet," easily available on line. I certainly agree with your goal of guaranteeing the Internet remains an open platform for promoting innovation, investment and competition. As the FCC considers rule making, however, I caution you to consider the potential unintended consequences Net Neutrality regulations could have by discouraging new private sector investment and innovation.

I was co-sponsor of SB 373, a 2009 communications bill that reduced regulations on communications companies (telephonic and cable) and encouraged both wireline and wireless competition. The bill was designed to create and preserve good paying jobs while at the same time promoting investment in Alabama's communication infrastructure. I have also supported Governor's Riley's Broadband Initiative with the goal of making broadband more ubiquitous and encouraging economic growth in Alabama.

It is my belief that consumers and businesses are benefiting from the competitive wireless communications market in Alabama. Any effort to impose government regulations on wireless technology will severely hurt our ability to spread broadband throughout the state. Proposed Net Neutrality rules would discourage infrastructure investment and, potentially, slow down the economic recovery.

In advance, I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Alabama State Senate

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Representative Jay Love
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Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing to express my concern about the FCC's upcoming announcement on network neutrality. Heavily regulating wireless networks will reduce the investment in my state and cut into job growth – two issues that affect my constituents deeply.

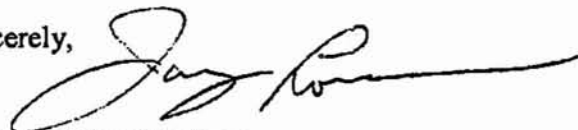
In Alabama, the rapid rise of the wireless market is a great success story. Nearly all residents and businesses have access to advanced wireless phones and networks, while the strong, competitive market keeps bringing new innovation. The reason for this success has been the absence of government interference. Thus, it is imperative that the FCC retain the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship that has built the robust wireless and online networks we have today.

The FCC can take another step by avoiding network neutrality regulation of broadband deployment. Bringing broadband to all areas of the nation also requires investment in networks, well-paying local jobs and the technology needed for our cities and towns to grow new businesses that depend on communications.

I think we all agree that a fair and open Internet is important, but your proposed regulations on traditional and wireless broadband service will shut off the Internet to many constituents in my state and further cost us jobs and investment. Don't close the door to opportunity and jobs for people in my state with unnecessary new regulations.

I thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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Representative Jay Love



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Julius Genachowski, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Although the rapid rise in the wireless market has been successful, the FCC's upcoming announcement on network neutrality brings great concern to me and my constituents. Heavily regulating wireless networks will reduce the investment in my state and cut into job growth.

Nearly all residents and businesses have access to advanced wireless phones and networks, while the strong, competitive market keeps bringing new innovation. Government interference would cost us jobs and investment. Thus, it is imperative that the FCC retain the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship that has built the robust wireless and online networks we have today.

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Your proposed regulations on traditional and wireless broadband service will shut off the Internet to many constituents in the state of Alabama. Please don't close the door to opportunity and jobs for people in my state with unnecessary new regulations.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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